

REMARKS

Claims 20-25 are in this application. Claims 1-19 have been cancelled and Claims 20-25 have been added. Support for new Claim 20 is based, *inter alia*, on the sentence bridging pages 7-8 of the specification, the first full paragraph on page 8 and original Claim 5. Support for Claim 21 is found *inter alia* in the first full paragraph on page 9. Support for Claims 22 and 23 is found, *inter alia*, in the last paragraph on page 13 and in original Claim 1. Support for Claim 24 is found *inter alia* in the first full paragraph on page 14 and in original Claim 2. Support for Claim 25 is found *inter alia* in original Claim 3.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 - 6 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is submitted that the originally filed Claim 1 meets the written description requirement because there is a description of bioemulsifiers comprising protein, polysaccharides and lipid.

Furthermore, in view of the new Claims 20-25 this rejection is moot. It is noted that on page 7, lines 7-8 of the first full paragraph on this page there is a description of species of *Acinetobacter* that are found on the skin.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 - 6 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as not being enabled. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The specification is enabling for original Claims 1 - 6. In addition, the specification is enabling for Claims 20 - 25. One of ordinary skill in the art can follow the procedure described on page 13 of the specification (see sections effect of physico-chemical factors and partial purification of bioemulsifier) to produce a bioemulsifier from an *Acinetobacter* strain which can be isolated from human skin. The activity of the bioemulsifier can be tested following the protocols on pages 10- 14.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Information on the biological culture deposit of *Acinetobacter junii* SC14 will follow.

It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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